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AMEMASSY BUCHAREST

AMEMBASSY DOHA

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY LONDON

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SUBJ: TRADE COMPLAINT: LIME INTERNATIONAL CORP., NEW YORK, AND
\$1.6 MILLION TWICE-SOLD CEMENT SHIPMENTS

REF: A. BUCHAREST 5116(NOTAL);B. KUWAIT 3787(NOTAL) C. USDOC
12970(

OTAL); D. DOHA 780(NOTAL); E. JIDDA 4468(NOTAL);

F. KUWAIT 3392(NOTAL; G. KUWAIT 3558(NOTAL)

1. GEORGE HAWA FAILED TO CONTACT EMBASSY UNTIL JULY 19, THEN FAILED
TO TURN UP FOR SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT JUL 21. EMBASSY CONTACTED
HAWA WHO FINALLY CAME IN LATE JULY 22 AND REPORTED FOLLOWING
CONCERNING SUBJECT CASE.

2. HAWA HAS HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH WOLD TIDE SHIPPING CORP.WTSC)
IN ATHENS (CAPT. BAGLANTCIS) AND HAS SEIZED THE VESSEL TRAVATORE
AND CARGO WHICH IS CURRENTLY IN CRETE. HAWA REPORTS THAT WTSC
ISWILLING TO RETURN ITS PORTION OF THE MONEY INVOLVED BUT IS
UNABLE TO CONVINCE LIME INTERNATIONAL TO RETURN THEIR
PORTION (I.E. THE PROFIT ON THE CEMENT, OR DIFFERNCE BETWEEN
\$33 PER TON PRICE WHICH LIME PAID AND \$48 PER TON PRICE WHICH
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LIME SOLD FOR).

3. HAWA SAYS THAT ATSC CLAIMS TO HAVE SOLD THE TWO CARGOES
TO LIME WITH THE CONDTION AND KKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY AERE
DISTRESSED CARGOES. THUS ATSC PUTS PUTS ENTIRE BLAME ON
IME.
HAWA UNCERTAIN WHETHER THERE IS COLLUSION BETWEEN ATSC AND LIME.

4. HAWA RELUCTANT TO GO TO U.S. AND ENGAGE A LAWYER TO PURSUE
LIME IN THE COURTS. SAYS IT WILL COST TOO MUCH. HAWA
ASKS THAT USG PURSUE MATTER FOR HIM. EMBOFF EXPLAINED THAT,
UNDER U.S. SYSTEM, ONLY RECOURSE FOR HIM IS THROUGH U.S.
COURTS, ASSUMING LIME WILL NOT VOLUNTARILY RETURN THE MONEY.
EMBOFF ALSO SUGGESTED KUWAIT EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON MIGHT
BE ABLE TO HELP. HAWA LEFT FOR LONDON OVER THE WEEKEND WHERE
HE WILL FINALIZE MATTERS WITH LLOYDS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF
WTSC. AWA MAY REUEST FROM EMBASSY LONDON SHOULD HE
DECIDE TO GO TO NEW YORK.
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